

## APPENDIX C

Article 1---Jan. 26, 1850 ---Letter from Eliza Yates describing missionary work in China and requesting PBC Children's Sunday School to consider supporting their missionary efforts in China.

### Letter From Mrs. Yates.

[We are indebted to the attention of our sister Dowd, who has kindly favored us with the following letter from sister Yates. We are sure it will prove acceptable to our readers, and especially those of the Raleigh Association.]

Shanghai, China, June 27th, 1849.

MY DEAR SISTER DOWD;

Your long-looked-for letter came to hand last evening, and so much pleasure did it give me, to know that we live in your affectionate and prayerful remembrance, that I desire to assure you of it by an immediate reply. My sheet is small, because on sending by over-land mail, a good many such sheets can go under one envelope for the same postage, and as there are, at this season, no opportunities by ship, we think our friends will prefer to have a little now, than more several months hence. It gives me pleasure to say that *all of us* are able to be busy. Mr. and Mrs. Toby have returned to Shanghai. Mrs. T. is greatly improved.—My dear dear friend and sister, Mrs. Shuck, is somewhat feeble compared with last summer. Mr. Yates still suffers with his eyes—is shut out almost wholly from study, but attends to out-door work, and preaches

some, tho' for a time he was debarred that privilege, by express orders of our physician, who said, that unless great care was taken, the result would be a total paralyzation of the optic nerve. This affliction was brought on by anxiety and constant watching during my long and dangerous illness last winter. His health being good, he has mixed much with the people, and we all believe, that instead of losing, he has acquired the language much more rapidly, than he could have done at his study table, I mean the spoken language; for the written sounds are quite different. He sends his warmest christian love to yourself and bro. Dowd. A mutual friend has informed us of the *cruel trials* to which you have been subjected, through the malicious workings of evil minds. I am reminded of this Scripture; "All that live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution,"—and tho' it is hard, very hard, for flesh and blood to bear, still my dear sister stay yourself on this precious promise, "All things shall work together for good to them that love God,"—and remember the Saviour's words on one occasion, "What I do now thou knowest not, but thou shalt know hereafter. I trust you will both be enabled to endure this severe chastening, and have in your hearts a constantly brightening hope of an eternal inheritance in that world

tening hope of an eternal inheritance in that world where all is love, and joy and peace.

The "Journal keeps you informed of our operations and prospects, at least, in part. Of our school, I think no full account has been written. Some time last year, the ladies (3 in number) of our mission decided to give one afternoon (Tuesday) in the week to such employment as would enable us to make a little sum of money, and thus sustain a school of Chinese children. Of such materials as we happened to have, we have made cushions, pen-wipers, children's clothing and wollen socks, caps, collars, emery cushions, needle-books, &c. &c., and finding ready sale amongst the foreign community, have thus realized a sum more than sufficient for the expenses of a school of 17 scholars, a few miles in the country. The children are taught christian doctrine in their own language, by a Chinese teacher,

whom we pay \$6, per month. The rent of the room is \$1, per month; to which add one dollar more for ink, pens, books, &c. &c., and you will have the rate of expense monthly \$8. In this school are 3 girls and 14 boys. We were led to pursue this plan, because neither our circumstances nor our knowledge of the dialect, would admit of our teaching personally; and also, because the mission treasury is very low. Regular preaching on the Sabbath is kept up there, and there is a prospect of permanence, the little school at "Oo-kar-jak," is looked upon as a mission out-post. The school-room being very small, Mrs. Shuck and I have resolved to see what we can do towards building a school-house, which shall be large enough for preaching purposes. We have already got more than a hundred dollars by private subscription, and hope soon to make up the balance. I am doing what time will allow, in getting the language, and Mr. Yates is trying to get a school near us, the superintendence of which I shall take upon myself, if health fail not. This is also to be supported by private effort. About the time our "Sewing Circle," was formed, I wrote to a kind friend in Baltimore, requesting that she would use her influence to get up a small box of various little saleable articles, and send out to us in behalf of our school.

The ship by which my letter went, was much damaged, and put in both at Hong Kong and Singapore for repairs. I know not that it was received, as nothing has been heard from that quarter. We thought that the little stock of materials with which we began, would soon give out, and then there would be no more that we could do; but like the widow's cruise of oil, things have seemed to multiply as they were needed. We have spent very little indeed for materials.

The Chapel is just begun. Our dwelling is nearly done. There are several inquirers who profess a desire for baptism, but the mission thinks best to wait a while, lest they be of such as endure but for a season.

Our female prayer-meeting is held on Friday afternoons. It is kept up mostly by baptists; some ladies of other missions, not approving it, refuse to take any part. All the missionaries, with whose sentiments I am familiar, have been feeling the duty of a personal growth in grace, pressing heavily upon them; and I believe that efforts, in some degree corresponding, have been made—powerful and practical efforts: still, my dear sister, we are all weakness and nothingness, cold, ungrateful, slothful and unbelieving. I beg for us all a constant place in your prayers.

I have told you of our school, and the way in which it is supported. But as there is other work pressing upon us, I would like to propose, through you, to the Pittsboro Baptist Sabbath School children, that they take it under their patronage, that is, as far as they may be able. Perhaps you would encourage them in some undertaking for this purpose. Or would all the Sabbath Schools connected with bro. Dowd's churches, undertake to support it entirely? Please present the subject to whom you think best, and in the way you think prudent and proper.

Affectionately yours,

ELIZA M. YATES.

Article 2 - May 11, 1949 article from E. Bryant stating membership had increased by 45 in approximately 5 weeks time since the opening of the new building.

Pastor K. E. Bryant of the Pittsboro Church, when visiting in the RECORDER offices recently, reported that since the new church building was entered March 13, through April 24, a total of 45 members had been received, 24 of them for baptism. These new members came at regular services, without any revival meeting. Not a Sunday passed during this period without additions both morning and night.

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